

RANGE MARKS

Official Newsletter of the Dahlgren Yacht Club

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From the Commodore:

It's that time of year. We almost reached 50 today, the ice is starting to melt, I received the new Boats US catalog yesterday, and I am getting ancy! About this time of year, I wish I lived in Fiji. Yes, it won't be long now (hopefully) until I can start splashing on bottom paint and getting back in the water. Spring preparation can take both time and a lot of effort; however, make sure to take precautions when you are dealing with all of the chemicals (especially when sanding away the old bottom paint). Make sure cabins are well ventilated when working indoors and wear masks and safety glasses when you are under the boat.

It's a new year. We had our annual meeting and election in January (along with a fine buffet and speaker thanks to the Social committee) and as such have a couple of new members on the board. I would to welcome and introduce to you our new Editor: Mr. Rex Butler and Training/Seamanship Governor: Mr. Will Carmean. And since our new fiscal year starts in April, it is now time to renew your memberships. The applications are enclosed. Get those boats in shape and we will see you out there soon!

Ron

MARCH 15 DEADLINE!

Applications and dues for membership are due by March 15, 2000. Send the enclosed form with your check to:

*Membership, Dahlgren Yacht Club
PO BOX 90
Dahlgren VA 22448*

Remember, there is a late fee for berth renewal. Make sure you include your email address, if you have one. This helps save the club money.

SPRING THAW!

The first social event of spring will be on March 18 at JDs. Come out and enjoy the fun and food. Cash bar opens a 1730 and dinner starts at 1800. Please bring a side dish, hors d'oeuvre, or dessert.

Important Dates:

BOG Meeting @ JDs	March 14
Applications DUE	March 15
Spring Thaw @ JDs	March 18
PHRF Skippers	
Pre-meeting Meeting	March 20
PHRF Skippers	
Meeting	April 3
Dock Work Day	April 8
Centerboard Skippers	
Meeting	May 4

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual membership meeting was held on 22 January before the banquet. The various governors gave their reports and the preliminary budget for 2000 was presented. The commodore presented the candidates for office and all were voted on and approved. A very big thank you and well done to outgoing and returning board members and a big welcome to the new board members.

ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual banquet was held on January 22 at JD's. Attendance was good (70) and the food was terrific. There was a very social cocktail hour with plenty of hor d'oeuvres. The Race Governor presented the final 1999 racing awards. Congratulations to the Dahlgren Cup winners A Fleet - Radio Flyer, B Fleet - Melee, C Fleet - Dionysus. The Most Improved for PHRF was Melee and for Centerboard was Steve Reedal. A very well done to Blue Heaven for winning the Forrester Cup. The guest speaker was Mr. Mike Humphries, Director of Museums for St. Mary's County. He presented a very informative and humorous slide show about the restoration of the Piney Point lighthouse. The social governor and all his assistants provided an outstanding end to a very well executed social calendar for 1999.

DOCK WORK DAY

The first work party at the dock is scheduled for Saturday April 8, 2000. There is always a lot of work required to get everything ready and the more help the easier it is on everyone. Details will be posted on the web site, in the next issue of Range Marks and a flyer will be emailed.

FY 2000 Budget

April, 2000 thru March 31, 2001

INCOME

Membership Dues & Fees	\$19,468.00
Interest Income	\$ 850.00
Merchandise	<u>\$ 50.00</u>

TOTAL OPERATING INCOME \$20,368.00

EXPENSES

Administration	\$ 266.00
Insurance	\$ 1,500.00
Publications	\$ 495.00
Racing Events	\$ 1,245.00
Social	\$ 2,855.00
Training & Seamanship	\$ 450.00
Utilities	\$ 675.00
Custodian	\$ 950.00
Telephone	\$ 432.00
Trash	\$ 800.00
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 2,700.00
Capital Improvement Set Aside	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES \$20,368.00

FROM THE EDITOR:

The first issue of Range Marks is mailed with the membership application each spring. All subsequent issues are posted on the DYC web site. Starting this year, Range Marks will also be posted in PDF format to make it easier for you to print your own copy. If you require a printed copy to be mailed (USPS, not email) to you, please check the appropriate place on your application. If you have any questions or problems printing the PDF file, please contact the editor.

Tide tables and the calendar are available on the web page. If you do not have access and want a copy, contact the editor.

PLANS FOR THE 2000 RACING SEASON

With the recent snowy weather, Spring and the DYC Racing Season seems way off in the future. However, before we realize it, the skippers, and hopefully with the help of their crews, will be out removing last year's residues, performing needed equipment repairs, and preparing for the upcoming season.

This year, the Race Committee wants to get more input from the PHRF skippers prior to formalizing the plans and presentations for the PHRF Skipper's Meeting. We are doing this in 2 ways. First, the Race Governor has asked potential participants for preferred dates for several events. If you did not get an email and wish to suggest a date for the St. Clements Pursuit Race or the Dahlgren Cup, please contact the Race Governor via dycracecom@nswc.navy.mil or (540) 653-7614 to make your desires known.

Second, there will be PHRF Pre-Skipper's Meeting, Monday, 20 March 2000 at 17:00 in JD's Training and Conference Center. At this meeting, several proposed changes to the PHRF Racing Program will be briefed with the sole intent of getting much needed input from the Skippers in preparation for the PHRF Skipper's Meeting. More details will be forthcoming on the DYC Web Page (<http://www.nswc.navy.mil/C2/dyc>) and via email.

The PHRF Skipper's Meeting is scheduled for 3 April 1999 beginning at 17:00 in JD's Training and Conference Center. At this meeting, the final changes for the upcoming season including scoring methods, fleet splits, new courses, and changes to race instructions will be discussed. Sign up for Race Officer duties will begin at this meeting, so be sure to come out to get the night you prefer.

The Centerboard Racing Fleet Skipper's Meeting is scheduled for 4 May 1999. This seems a long time away, but May will be here before we realize. There are several significant changes planned for the Portsmouth fleet, so it is important that all skippers be present. Sign up for Race Officer duties will begin at this meeting as well.

The Race Committee is scheduled to meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from February through October at 17:00 in JD's Training and Conference Center. Interested parties are always welcome to attend. For more information concerning the racing program, call the Race Governor at (540) 653-7614.

DYC Merchandise

BURGEES

On sale now to DYC members. Just \$21! Show your pride when you visit other yacht clubs or just cruise around. Get them while they last! Call 804-224-7690.

HUGGIES

Don't let your drink get hot this summer! Keep the cold in with a DYC huggie. On sale now for just \$3! Special Offer: Act Now and get two for just \$5 -- that's \$1 off the Regular Price! Call 540-775-7249.

SHIRTS

Polo Shirts in many colors and sizes with the DYC burgee! Get yours embroidered with your name and boat for no extra charge! Price is just \$29.50. Special Offer: Buy more than one shirt and get a \$3 discount per shirt when shipped together to the same address! Call 540-775-7249.

BASEBALL CAPS

Embroidered caps are also available in many two-toned colors! Just \$18.50! Special Offer: Buy more than one and get a \$3 discount per cap when shipped together to the same address! Call 540-775-7249.

THANKS JOE !

After the racing awards were presented at the 2000 Banquet, the Race Governor presented a special award to Joe Fatcher in recognition of his long service and dedication to DYC. Joe is one of the founders of DYC. Over the years, Joe has done something to help almost everyone in the club. He has volunteered for just about everything from serving on the BOG and various committees, taking care of the safety boat, doing dock maintenance, to cleaning up after social functions. Joe is retiring from NSWC in May. Although he plans to remain in the area for a while, Joe may be slightly less visible around DYC. Everyone in DYC owes Joe a genuine and heartfelt THANK YOU! So next time you see Joe, be sure to take the opportunity to thank him for all he has done for DYC.